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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO HEALTH PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has received any external financial assistance for the implementation of health projects in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the funds received and released therefrom during each of the last three years and the current year alongwith the programmes/projects undertaken in this regard;

(d) whether the World Health Organization (WHO) proposes to discontinue financial assistance to health projects in India;

(e) if so, the details of the projects likely to be discontinued and the reasons therefor; and

(f) the benefits accrued/likely to accrue as a result of the implementation of the projects assisted by WHO?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a) Yes.

(b) & (c) The External Assistance for different health projects is provided by various international organisations including World Bank/International Development Association (IDA), United Nation Population Fund (UNFPA), United State Agency for International Development (USAID), German Assistance (KfW and GTZ), World Health Organisation (WHO), Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), Department for International Development (DFID), UK, The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM), European Commission (EC) and Global Alliance for Vaccine Immunization (GAVI). External assistance for health sector projects is received centrally by the Government of India and funds are released to the States/UTs. as well as utilised centrally. The various Health Sector Programme/Projects are supported by Domestic Budget as well as External Assistance. The external financial assistance received for health projects is Rs.1494.31 Crores in the year 2006-07, Rs. 1907.95 Crores in the year 2007-08, Rs. 2955.55 Crores in the year 2008-09 and Rs.532.37 Crores in the year 2009-10.

(d) to (f) No, the WHO does not propose to discontinue financial assistance to health projects in India. The collaborative programme activities by WHO in India are finalized for every biennium in consultation with Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW), after taking into account national priorities. The collaborative programme activities for the biennium 2010-11 are WHO provides technical support in the major areas of health and family welfare programmes, and health care facilities in the country. The areas of work supported by WHO inter-alia, cover HIV/AIDS, communicable and non-communicable diseases, Mental Health, drug abuse, environment, food safety, maternal and child health besides health policy, health financing and social protection as well as emergency preparedness and response. These activities complement the ongoing projects of the Government in the above areas.